



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

September 6, 2016

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Marsha Rollinger, Adrienne La Faye, Jerri Everett, Bill Huls, Neil Sheesley, Mitch Shepherd, Samantha Goetz-Granquist, Aaron Blalack, and Evelyn Reingold

Excused Absence: Ben Andrews, Mary Clymer, Paul Hebron, and Kim Eshelman

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison; John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development; and Chip Vincent, Administrator - City of Renton Department Community & Economic Development

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by RMAC - Chair, Marsha Rollinger at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 2, 2016 RMAC meeting are not available. Secretary, Evelyn Reingold was out of town and will format notes from RMAC attendees for review at the September meeting.

Budget Update:

- **The RMAC Budget Committee:** Some additional GAP initiatives were proposed and it was suggested that the Budget Committee revise the recommendations with a new update at the October RMAC meeting.

- **City of Renton General Fund:** Support for the RMAC 2017/2018 Budget from the General Fund will be determined in November. Currently the RMAC receives \$2900 from the General Fund. Elizabeth and Chip, along with the RMAC, have worked hard to bring more visibility of the impact of the arts in Renton to the Mayor, City Council and City departments. The RMAC identified art projects/programs that totaled \$856,089 to validate the need for more substantial City of Renton support. The City is considering several strategies to increase the RMAC 2017/2018 General Fund allocation. The General Fund Budget will be approved in November 2016.

- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:** A new advisory committee has been formed and there needs to be an RMAC presence included. The City Ordinance needs to be reviewed to see if a RMAC member can be added. Elizabeth will check.

New Business:

- **Galvanizing Art Projects August – December 2016:**

***2nd and Main Street art project** – OHM will present their revised designation artwork proposal at the October meeting.

***Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016:** A Downtown Renton Partnership and tree lighting

event. Storefronts will also be lit with holiday themes. **MSC (Marsha/Sam)** RMAC to sponsor a holiday storefront window display competition with prizes for winning displays, not to exceed \$2,000 total.

***High School Battle of the Bands, November 2016:** Neil proposed to organize three Renton high school bands to have the battle at the Renton Civic Theater. **MSC (Aaron/Mitch)** The RMAC will support the November 2016 Battle of the Bands at the Renton Civic Theater through sponsorship and resources as available up to \$1,500.

***RenCon Art Project, November 2016:** An art project will be created at the RenCon event and will be on display at another location. Ben will provide more details as to what RMAC support is needed.

Old Business:

- **Pop-Up Downtown Renton:** The RMAC will participate in the National Parklet Day celebration on Friday, September 16, 2016. Our participation involves creating and hosting a Pop-Up Parklet at 724 S 3rd St. (Cortona Building/Old City Hall) which is on the National Trust. This temporary one day installation will be on display from 12:00 – 9:00 pm to support the theme: “Arts in Downtown Renton”. Marsha and Mary collaborated on the design. Marsha purchased materials for foliage and display fencing as well as built several park tables and benches for the RMAC display. **MSC (Mitch/Adrienne)** Marsha is to be reimbursed for materials, not to exceed \$500.

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,

Marsha Rollinger,

RMAC Secretary

Chair